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SUMMARY.

FARMERS' HOUSES OF SHIPMENT.

The British and American Press denounces the German reply to President Wilson's Note as unsatisfactory and evasive.

It is declared to be time to start negotiations which can have no result while Germany is not moved.

King George says: "Victory is within reach. We are agreed it must be complete and definitive."

"Homme Libre" (Paris) describes the Germans as "a scum of paper imbeciles" given over to lying and hypocrisy.

Military experts suggest that Germany is playing for time.

It is considered the reply indicates that the Germans are not yet prepared for an optimistic attack when an armistice was requested.

The Germans believe they have now reached a line where they will be able to hold ten years.

United States officials consider the Note does not afford a basis upon which the Allies can enter upon peace negotiations.

It is variously characterized as cunningly devised, shifty, equivocal and subtle.

The New York journals say that Germany is not beaten, but is unwilling to negotiate at present.

The only answer must be "reservoir unbroken," said Senator Peleg.

Cabinet Repington says: "We guarantee that our men will stand by their colonial friends."

The Dominions, however, will refuse to permit the German flag to reappear on any colonial territory.

Peace is maintained along the whole of the Belgian front.

The Germans have started their hurried retreat and are on their coast roads.

The British are advancing a mile between the Scheldt and the Lys despite lively resistance.

The Allies have made further progress but are held up by the French. The enemy's resistance is increasing.

The French across the Lys repelled violent counter-attacks and improved their bridge-heads.

Reports have reached Washington that the troops of Brussels and Charleroi, on the American front, are in flames.

In the course of stubborn fighting north of Verdun the Americans advanced their line at several points.

The German railroads are being prepared for only the evacuation of the occupied territories, but for demolition.

In the battle south of Le Cateau the Germans drove 100,000 men, women, and children to a point where they were exposed for two days to artillery fire.

On the invitation of the New Zealand Government, a British Press delegation will visit the Dominion after the war.

The Premier is to be urged to place a vote on the Estimates for the financial year at Vasquez House.

The Y.M.C.A. has provided a number of men in the building for the benefit of men of the army and navy.

Mr. W. G. Crane, who officially opened the rooms yesterday, said he had no objection to the members of the council of the Y.M.C.A.

A resolution was carried that every effort should be made to reduce the consumption of paper.

It was decided to ask for more adequate representation for newspapers on the Federal Paper Board.

Mr. J. H. Street resumed his inquiry yesterday into the conduct of the police in connection with the U.W.C. cases.

Mr. Windley opened his address, and had not concluded when the inquiry was adjourned to-day.

Fifteen men were accepted at the Central Reception Depot on Tuesday and 29 in the country, making a total of 89 for the day.

A welcome was tendered to Corporal Kenny, V.C., by the members of the 2nd and 4th Battalion Comfort Fund yesterday.

The W. & S. Board is to grant a concession to the miners of Five Dock, who wanted to turn their horses into mules to pull the sledges.

The president of the board was paying money to the Government departments for similar work.

The story of a daring exploit by Lieut. R. Morley, of Sydney, which resulted in the capture of 27 German prisoners, is related.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Sergeant T. A. D. Williams, of the New Zealand Engineers, for conspicuous bravery.

Giving evidence at the inquiry into houses rents, a real estate agent said the stoppage of building was due to the cost of material.

The working class people were endeavouring to secure the houses, but could not afford to pay the rent.

The minimum wage for male clerks in Melbourne has been raised from 8s. to 8s. per week, and in the country from 8s. to 8s. per week.

Women clerical workers in Victoria are to be paid 20s. per week, instead of 20s., the present rate.

A scheme has practically been endorsed by the State Cabinet to control and cheapen the supply of meat.

It is believed that when the scheme comes into operation it will eliminate the middleman's charges.

The idea is that the State shall purchase the whole of the stock killed at the abattoirs and distribute it to the retail butchers.

Further obstructive tactics were resorted to by the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly yesterday.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Poor Persons' Legal Remedies Bill.

The bill, it was explained, was an endeavour to overcome the disabilities of poor people with good cause.

The Legislative Council debated the Sedition Bill, and voted for the second reading.

Mr. McEvoy, in opposing the bill, said he regarded it as a reflection on the loyalty of New South Wales.

The railway traffic on the Southern line was delayed yesterday morning owing to a carriage of coal having got stuck.

The Federal Government has decided to increase the wholesale price of butter.

The report submitted at the annual meeting of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind referred to the training of deaf bidders.

Retired returned soldiers had received instruction, and in each case considerable benefit resulted.

A progress report on church union was presented to the Congregational Union yesterday, and adopted.

The committee reported that an important stage had been reached.

English, American, and Canadian mails will be brought by the R.M.S. Niagara, arriving Friday.

Business in investment stocks was more active on the Stock Exchange yesterday. Prices generally were firm.

A former market ruled for mining shares, and prices for Barrister silver lead stocks accepted by us in payment for goods.

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BIRTHS.

EDWARDSON—At a private hospital, North Sydney. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwardson, 120 Cowles street, Mosman—a son (stillborn).

MALSTAD—October 17, at Elstern, Newry, to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Malstad, of Calcutta—a daughter (Patricia Alice).

ROG—October 18, at Kilkenny private hospital, Burrow, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, a son (John Edward).

HALL—October 20, 1918, at their residence, Villa Hill, Costamunda, to Mr. and Mrs. Norris J. Small—a son (Geoffrey Bart).

MARRIAGES.

BALLET—WHITE—At St. George's, Paddington, Edinburgh, on October 18, by Rev. Mr. Alexander, the late James Balmer and Mrs. Balmer, The Neck, Orkney-leavenue, Moseley, to Florence, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. White.

CARLTON—October 18, at their residence, 109 Carlton-road, Edinburgh, the late Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carson, Gordon.

CHAMBERS—October 18, at his residence, 108 Argyle-street, Leithbank, Andrew Chambers, the husband of Charlotte Hamblet, in his 86th year.

HILLMAN—October 22, at the sacred Heart Hospital, 2000 James' street, 65 Wilson-street, Leithbank, in his 86th year.

BUTCHER—October 22, 1918, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Edinburgh, Emily, only daughter of the late John and Mary Davis, of 100 Argyle-street, in her 60th year, chessboard player, piano player.

CARREY—October 18, 1918, William Hardinge (Hardie), 100 Argyle-street, F.A., A.F.C., of pneumonia, England (the cabin), died on Oct. 12, 1918, aged 61. Harry, Captain.

HAMILTON—October 22, 1918, at his residence, 180 Electra-street, Leithbank, Andrew Hamilton, the husband of Charlotte Hamblet, in his 86th year.

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HODGSON—October 22, 1918, at Marconi, Penketh-street, Broughton, Liverpool, Mr. and Mrs. William Hodgson, C.M.G., By revoc'd, no flowers.

JONES—October 22, 1918, at her residence, Greenlands, Pinner-street, Leitchhardt, Margaret Jones, aged 62 years.

KING—Rev. R. V. King, M.A., Newtonwood-Tyne, England, son of Mr. W. H. King and Mrs. King, of 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank, died on Oct. 12, 1918, aged 61. Harry, Captain.

LATHAM—October 22, 1918, at her residence, Farmham, Warrington, Maria Jane, beloved wife of William Latham, and fourth daughter of the late John Herries Rivers, aged 52 years.

LOVETON—October 22, 1918, at No. 17 Phillip-street, London, Leila, beloved wife of Mr. and Mrs. Phillipston, of 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank, in her 86th year.

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MAGINNIS—October 22, 1918, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Margaret Louise, beloved wife of Joseph William Middler, of Kentish-town, Belgrave, and brother-in-law to Captains Cyril, Ernest, and Michael Middler.

MICHAEL—October 22, 1918, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Cyril Michael, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Daley, Middler, 100 Argyle-street, Coogee.

MOORE—October 22, 1918, at the residence of his daughter, Miss Mary Moore, of 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank, in her 86th year. In memory of Rev. Mr. Moore, who passed away October 22, 1918, in his 86th year.

NAHAR—October 22, 1918, at her residence, Peats Ferry-road, Hornsey, Elsa Rose, deeply beloved wife of G. J. Sawyer, in her 86th year.

THOMAS—In loving memory of my dear husband, Arthur W. Thomas, late accountant of Bank of New South Wales, Morrellibone and Middle, aged 82 years.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

BEDSON—Killed in action, France, September 20, 1918, 2nd Service, Lance-Corporal Bedson, Arthur, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bedson, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank, and beloved son of the late Mr. E. A. Bedson, killed in action, Oct. 1, 1918.

BUCHANAN—Killed in action, France, October 19, 1918, Private Robert Buchanan, 10th Batt., 3rd Division, after nearly four years active service, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank.

CARLTON—Killed in action, France, October 19, 1918, Private Robert Carlton, 10th Batt., 3rd Division, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlton, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank.

DUNFIRE—Died of wounds in France, October 1, 1918, Private Robert Dunfire, 10th Batt., 3rd Division, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunfire, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank.

EVANS—Died of wounds in France, October 1, 1918, Private Robert Evans, 10th Batt., 3rd Division, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank.

FRITH—Died of wounds in France, October 1, 1918, Private Robert Frith, 10th Batt., 3rd Division, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frith, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank.

GARRETT—Died of wounds in France, October 1, 1918, Private Robert Garrett, 10th Batt., 3rd Division, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett, 100 Argyle-street, Leithbank.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

ALBURY.—Mr. Walter J. Johnson, one of the best known and most popular residents of the town, died in the Albury Hospital as the result of a paralytic stroke. Death occurred at 12.30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Mr. Johnson was for many years secretary of the Albury and Border F. and A. Society, also secretary of the Albury Club, member of the local band and a Justice of the Peace. He formerly owned a station in the western district. He leaves a widow and two young children.

BELMONT.—An honour roll was unveiled in the Thirroul Post Office on Monday by Mr. McCauley. The roll contains 26 names. The collections received by the Clifton-Scarborough War Fund totalled £1,000, and £1,000 was given to the Red Cross. The work of erecting new nurses' quarters in the Bulli Cottage Hospital has been completed.

CAMPBELLTOWN.—At a meeting of the executive of the Campbelltown Reparation Committee, the Mayor, Alderman Fred Moore, Messrs. E. Horniman, manager of the Central Hotel, and Mr. W. N. H. Jones, honorary secretary, were elected as the Campbelltown representatives on the Campbelltown-Camden Group Council. Mr. Fred Moore, the hotel steward, was recommended by the Government nominees for Campbelltown.

FORBES.—At the Quarter Sessions Mr. Peter Kavanagh, president of the Catholic Association, held a public meeting at Forbes on September last, was sentenced to six months' hard labour in Bathurst gaol. Henry Kavanagh, who had been sentenced to four years' imprisonment for stealing against him, was sentenced to two years in Bathurst gaol, and his sentence of three years was remitted.

LATENT SCRATCHINGS.—The following scratchings were recorded yesterday with the aid of the "Latent Scratches" apparatus:

MUNSTER VALLEY CUP MEETING.—Melville, Wednesday.

Walter Handicap—Euston, King and Kilroy. V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

State Stakes—Moruya.

WILLIAMSTOWN MEETING

Day Stakes—Billabong.

Q.T.C. MEETING.

Day Stakes—High School.

CANTERBURY PARK RACE CLUB.

Handicap—Coming Soon.

Flying Handicap.—Creswick.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Acceptances are due to-day for the Canterbury Park Cup, which is to be run on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. (Estimate). A typographical error: Omaha Park, 16/2.

Mr. H. Chisholm and Co. report having sold privately, on account of Mr. G. D. Greenwood, of Warragul, a 10-year-old gelding, by Melville, to Mr. J. M. Cameron, also of New Zealand.

Mr. J. L. Morris, who is responsible for each of the three principal handicaps of the Queen's Plate, Chelmsford and Melbourne, is to ride to Brisbane with his team on Friday. The A.A.C. Final Handicap is not up to hind hand, but Mr. Morris has no objection to the race being run on Saturday for the injury. He trainer, Mr. O'Connor, intends to give the horse a spell before preparing him for the next race.

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WYONG PARK RACING CLUB.

There was great attendance at Wyong Park yesterday, but the weather was cold and showery. A protest meeting was held in the Flying Handicap was dismissed.

Maister Handicap of 30 stns., J. A. Hall's, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

CANE CUTTERS STRIKE.

THE DANGER OF BEING A BABY.
According to the current issue of the "Shire and Municipal Record" it is more dangerous to be a baby than a soldier. The figures speak for themselves. In 1917 there were 100,000 babies born in this State. If 200,000 soldiers are in the trenches, how many will be alive in 2 years' time? Averaging our war casualties, there would be 250,000, or a loss of 15,000 in the 12 months. But of 200,000 babies there would remain 180,000. Out of every 10,000 boys born in New South Wales only 9217 are alive at the end of their first year, and of the same number of girls 9349. There is comfort in the fact that the figures are improving. The death rate per 1000 in the first year of life for Sydney children was 10.2 in 1890, and has steadily declined to 7.6, or more than half. Those interested in the sanitary science of cities will find encouragement in the Statistician's statement: "The improvement is partly due to the measures adopted to combat preventable diseases."

A TOWN THAT IS NOT INTERESTED.
Warren at the present time is at a low ebb in civic affairs. It takes nine aldermen to form a full council at Warren. In May last three resigned, and by July three successive elections had only filled one vacancy. When the new election was held in August, the Governor has power to appoint aldermen. But the proposed appointment must consist, for even the Governor cannot make an alderman of his own will. No one at Warren could be found to take up the work. Then another alderman resigned, and again no candidate came out of its proper line, and as far as necessary for a quorum it has not much of a margin to prevent meetings from lapsing. Until the people wake up to more interest in their own affairs nothing can be done. One of the best review of interest is a good local dispute, and perhaps this may yet save the town.

COMING OR GOING.
At last meeting of the Macleay Shire Council no action took place as to the removal of the chief Government Entertainer, Mr. Alcock, the Chief Government Entertainer, who pointed out that in the shire all the mile posts showed how far the traveller had gone. The usual practice, he said, was to mark them so as to show how many miles there were still to go—that is, the distance to the next town. This was not the case in the Macleay, which way they were marked. To the tourist, however, uniformity is essential. Under the bill the system of signs and mile posts is to be very complete, and will save the distance of the nearest important town in each direction.

LAW VALUATIONS.
According to a discussion at last meeting of the Mudgee Council, it would appear that law values in that town are "absurdly low." One alderman stated that this fact was robbing the town of revenue and keeping it back. As an instance, the proposed valuation of the wealth bank for a loan of £10,000 to purchase an electric light plant. The bank pointed out that, as the total land value was only £90,000, the council could only borrow up to £90,000. One of the legal limit of loans. The valuation of land is general, i.e. 100 acres and 50 water, so that it is being under-rated of country towns. This rate could be reduced if values were brought up to their true level. The council intended to spend £100 to get its lands valued, and has formed itself into a committee to consider the whole question.

"CARRIERS" OF DISEASE.
It is a well known fact that there are certain people who "carry" such diseases as typhoid and diphtheria, although they are in perfect health themselves. The germs are in their bodies, and are to be lodges in the system, and being transferred to others by constant outbreaks. The Municipal Association of Victoria is discussing the question of amending the law so as to give the health authorities some control over "carriers." Both that State and in New South Wales are power-wise rather liberal, but even so, even of persons who may be carriers have to infect a whole district. If it is true that carriers are not a common phenomenon, but the health authorities believe that there should at least be sufficient power to prevent a diphtheria carrier acting as a milkman or cook in a kitchen.

ABSENTEE ALDERMAN.
We respectfully request that you will kindly convene a public meeting and invite those aldermen who it is alleged, are not the raters payers nor residents to show cause why they should not be called upon to resign from the council—so as to give the community the right to elect in their place. The petition was recently signed by 15 raters payers to the Mayor of Geelong. One of the aldermen at whom the petition was apparently aimed, was away ill. The other, who is Deputy Mayor, and is regarded as one of the most valuable workers in the council, said he was willing to resign if the other aldermen would do the same. The petition was mostly received. As the law stands at present a man may sell his property, and move out of the district, and still remain an alderman. In fact, in the case of an occupier, the very curious position arises that a man might remain a fully qualified alderman and yet be unable to vote at a single election. This would be before an occupier can vote, he may be required to state that he retains his qualifications. The new rules provide for an annual purification of the rolls, and will thus remove these inconsistencies.

PREREFECTURAL VOTING.
At present the count of votes in shire and municipal elections is by the ordinary ballot. The 1915 bill provided that the Governor could, on a council's petition, introduce the proportional representation system. To this the Local Government Association took objection, and it was not until October that the members of the council could have the right to say on what system they would face the electors on the next occasion. The Government apparently recognises the justice of this contention, and the present bill only provides for an introduction of the system after the question has been submitted to a poll of voters. If the majority decide in favour of the new system the Governor must introduce it.

HOW TO PLANT STREET TREES.
H. H. H. writes:—
For a street tree is just outside the water-table, not on the footpath. The roots will not penetrate the water-table, and therefore, the bushes rarely reach in the vegetable garden. The roots of trees, however, are very much more likely to penetrate the footpath. I have never seen a root pick from the footpath in the winter months. Footpath planting keeps away the footpath, but the roots of trees, like the willow, plant at Concord is the correct way to plant street trees, which is safe in the winter, about the only safe time. The writer's opinion is the "Lopophyllum" is the most suitable street tree.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.
The council can recover herds and pasture fees. The amount can be recovered at once, if it is desired to pay by instalments it will be necessary to have a written agreement. The War Office has every desirable form of policy contract, from a simple one to a detailed one.

DEATH OF A NAVAL OFFICER.
A private cable message has been received stating that Engineer Lieutenant Norman S. Davies, R.N., died at sea on the 19th instant. From previous reports of a voyage of the ship, he was probably lost in the North Sea. He was the second youngest son of Mr. G. W. Davies, of the engineering department at Sunbeam, and of Mrs. Davies, of Sunbeam-avenue, Burwood.

VAUCLOUSE HONOUR ROLL.
On the occasion of his visit to Vacluse on Saturday, and his Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter, and his wife, the Hon. Mrs. Walter, attended the service which has been erected at the junction of Pitt-street and Wentworth roads in connection with the Memory Drive in honour of local men who have gone to the front. The service will take place at 2 o'clock.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.
Sydney, Oct. 10, 1918.

NOTICE TO LAY SERVICE PIPES
IN THE HOME OF QUALITY CARS.

NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF TENEMENTS AND PREMISES IN
CITY.—New Road, Pitt-street, from existing main northwards 82 yards (177) from existing main southwards 100 yards (200).

KOGARAH.—Greenacre-road, from existing main southwards 100 yards (200).

STUDIER.—Cherry-street, from Broadmeadow to existing main, 100 yards (200).

LAKE.—From Pitt-street to Gloucester, 100 yards (200).

PROJECT AND SHERWOOD.—Second avenue, from Third street northwards 100 yards (200) westwards to Pitt-street, from existing main southwards 100 yards (200). Sherwood-street, from existing main southwards 100 yards (200).

THE VILLAGE.—Carton, Pitt-street, 100 yards (200).

GRANT.—Pitt-street, 100 yards (200).

NEW LAUNCH.—St. Kilda, 100 feet west, Pitt-street.

SHRIVER, STELLAS, DAIRYLAND, REGAL, FORD, PEGASUS.

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GRANT, 4-cyl. Double-seater, BENTLEY, 4-cyl. Double-seater, SIMON, Single-seater, SCHIFF, Double-Single-seater.

MOTOR CYCLES.

F.M., 50 h.p.; INDIAN, 50 h.p. and side car.

4 CYCLERS.

ALSO DRAWERS, CHAIRS, STOOLS, SPARE PARTS, BOOKS, WORDS.

